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STATE FIRE MARSHAL

July 1, 2025

The Honorable Phil Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
16 West Jones Street, Room. 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

The Honorable Josh Stein
Governor of North Carolina
116 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

The Honorable Destin Hall
House Speaker
16 West Jones Street, Room. 2304
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Mr. Brian Matteson
Director of Fiscal Research
300 N. Salisbury Street, Suite 619
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Principal Clerk, NC Senate
16 West Jones Street
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Mr. James White
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300 N. Salisbury Street, Suite 619
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Re: Report on Firefighters' Health Benefit Pilot Program

Dear Governor Stein, Senator Berger, Representative Hall, Director Matteson, Ms. Holland, and Mr. White:

Pursuant to Section 30.4A(f) of S.L. 2021-180, as modified by Section 11.91 of S.L. 2023-151, please find enclosed herewith the Office of the State Fire Marshal's (OSFM) report on the Firefighters' Health Benefits Pilot Program (the "Program"). The report provides information regarding (1) the number, type, and primary work location (by county) of all firefighters participating in the Program; (2) the number of benefit claims filed; (3) the types of cancer for which benefit claims were filed; and (4) all benefits paid out under the Program.

The General Assembly has my gratitude for allowing OSFM to administer this important pilot program, and for its creation of the permanent Firefighters' Cancer Insurance Program. These vital programs demonstrate a steadfast commitment from the General Assembly to protect those who protect us by ensuring that our firefighters receive the support and care they deserve in their fight against occupational cancer.

Respectfully,

BRIAN TAYLOR

Brian Taylor
State Fire Marshal

OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

SECTION 30.4A.(f) Reporting Requirements. – On July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025, the Department shall submit a report to the General Assembly and to the Governor that includes the following information:

(1) The number, type, and primary work location of all firefighters participating in the pilot program.	Total Number of Firefighters <u>receiving benefits</u> through the program (1/1/2022 - 5/31/2025)	Fire Fighter Type	Primary Location
	289	107 Non-Volunteer Firefighters	44 of 100 counties have at least 1 <u>paid</u> claim
		182 Volunteer Firefighters	68 of 100 counties have at least 1 <u>paid</u> claim
(2) The number of benefit claims filed.	Total Claims filed through the program (1/1/2022 - 5/31/2025)	Fire Fighter Type	Primary Location
	485	198 Non-Volunteer Firefighters	Non-Volunteer FF in 49 of 100 counties have at least 1 claim
		287 Volunteer Firefighters	Volunteer FF in 82 of 100 counties have at least 1 claim
(3) The types of cancer for which benefit claims were filed.	Basal Cell Carcinoma	Malignant Melanoma	
	Bladder	Melanoma	
	Blood	Melanoma in Situ	
	Bone	Multiple Myeloma	
	Brain	Neuroendocrine	
	Breast	Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma	
	Breast	Oral	
	Clear Cell Sarcoma	Other/Unknown	
	Colon	Pancreas	
	Esophageal	Penile	
	Hodgkins Lymphoma	Prostate	
	Intestinal	Spine	
	Kidney	Squamous Cell Carcinoma	
	Leukemia	Squamous Cell in SITU	
	Liver	Stomach	
	Lung	Testicular	
	Lymphoma	Thyroid	
(4) All benefits paid out under this section.	Benefits paid (1/1/2022 - 5/31/2025)		
	\$8,804,007.57		

Program Reserves (From 1/1/2022 - 5/31/2025)	Lump Sum:	\$2,500,000.00
	Med Reimbursement:	\$3,431,401.99
	Total Disability:	\$3,831,062.11
	Total Reserves:	\$9,762,464.10